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Catholic Books
Reported by Mr. & Mrs. William Holub

Murphy, Agnes — Bruce
AN EVIL TREE: *The Story of Communism* — $1.25

Basing her approach on the parable of the "good tree which bears good fruit and the evil tree which bears bad fruit", Dr. Agnes Murphy, professor of philosophy and history at San Diego University's College for Women, here undertakes the difficult task of writing *The Story of Communism* for young readers. While her purpose is laudable and what is said is frequently compelling reading, it must be noted that at times Dr. Murphy tends to "oversimplify" the issues of her momentous theme and betrays a basic weakness for the use of old fashioned rhetoric. Even so, Dr. Murphy's brief, but adequate, biographical sketches of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin put these men into clear perspective as she explains how atheism, dialectical materialism, naturalism and class struggle are the basic ingredients of the communistic way of life they espouse. The author concludes her book with a description of the attempts being made by Communists to capture the minds of American youth, and gives suggestions to her readers as to how they can meet the threat. It is unlikely that young people will choose this book on their own for leisure reading, but teachers can perform a real service if they steer them to it as a part of their history courses. *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:61-9101)

Shamon, Albert J. — Bruce
THE ONLY LIFE — $3.25

Father Albert Shamon's stated purpose in writing this book is to make "the interior life", which is meant to culminate in personal sanctity, more desirable. Admittedly aimed at the laity, *The Only Life* attempts to argue its case in "the popular idiom". Unfortunately the author fails sadly in both the purpose and presentation. It is evident that Father Shamon is a dedicated champion of the subject matter he treats, but his book will satisfy only those who are already pursuing the life he hopes others will practise. His attempts to challenge laymen to see that grace is the life of the soul, and that virtues are the powers of grace, fail because he does not show the "how" of such living today. It would be more useful for laymen to go to the source books the author mentions in his foreword such as Garrigou Lagrange's, *The Three Ages of the Interior Life* The language might be more difficult but the time spent reading would be more profitable. *The Only Life* is disappointing because laymen are ready for the kind of book the author set out to write. (Publ. (LC:61-7712)

Whalen, William J. — Bruce
CATHOLICS ON CAMPUS — $1.50

A Guide for Catholic Students in Secular Colleges and Universities - the subtitle - is more representative of the scope and information presented in *Catholics on Campus* than is indicated in the title. Dr. William J. Whalen, a professor of English at Purdue University and editor of the University Press, has served as faculty adviser to the Newman Club there for the past decade. Drawing on this varied experience Dr. Whalen offers a book which should be required reading for Catholic students in secular schools, Catholics who will enroll in them, and most certainly for their parents. Dr. Whalen points out that at present more than 450,000

Catholic students are in secular institutions of higher learning, and predicts that this number will multiply until the majority of all college-trained Catholics will be products of secular - rather than Catholic - education. Presenting a sane and balanced appraisal of the opportunities and dangers resulting from a secular education, Dr. Whalen offers excellent counter suggestions as to how a student can mature in his faith in a non-Catholic college at the same pace as he grows intellectually, socially and emotionally. Active affiliation with one of the 750 Newman Clubs flourishing on non-Catholic campuses is cited as one fine means to give a student an opportunity to build a spiritual program around a complete schedule of religious, educational, cultural and social activities. He includes a complete list of these clubs. Helpful chapters on study habits, activities, special moral problems and a Catholic student's responsibility to society after graduation round out a readable, thoroughly worth-while book. *Imprimatur.* (2/21)

Sheen, Fulton J., Bishop — Hawthorn
Karsh, Yousuf (Photographs) — $4.95
Morton, H. V. (Narrator)

THIS IS THE HOLY LAND
A Pilgrimage In Words and Pictures

The sure-fire combination of traveler-guide Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, photographer Yousuf Karsh, and narrator H. V. Morton is certain to make *This is The Holy Land* as successful a book as its predecessor *This is Rome.* Bishop Sheen travels with his two nephews Jerry and Fulton who, according to their renowned uncle, bring with them the faith necessary to penetrate beneath the surface of the famous Biblical sites to see the meaning of the memorable events of two thousand years ago. Mr. Morton not only describes the actual scenes of Christ's life and death, but supplies excellent historical background material. Mr. Karsh's superb photographs add still another dimension. Coming as it does during the Lenten season when Christians re-live the life of Christ this is indeed a most timely volume. *Imprimatur.* (3/10. LC:61-6706)

Reinhold, H. A. — Macmillan
THE DYNAMICS OF THE LITURGY — $4.75

* One of the foremost champions of the liturgical reform movement here eloquently pleads with the clergy and the laity to partake of the spiritual riches obtainable through fuller participation in the formal worship of the Church. Brilliantly -- frequently with humor -- Father Reinhold demolishes the more widely advanced arguments raised by opponents to changes in the liturgy while dramatizing positively how these are to come about. Here, in a relatively short book, a respected priest-scholar who writes clearly and forcibly -- (*The American Parish and the Roman Liturgy, Bringing The Mass to the People, The Soul Afire*) -- describes in exciting terms the history of the movement in Europe and the United States, and points to the way the people can help bring about desirable changes. Debunking the pietistic but well intentioned understanding of traditional practices, Father Reinhold gives illustration after illustration of the Christian vitality which the liturgy has to offer the faithful. Published at a time when the Holy See has made changes in the Breviary and in minor ways in the Mass, Father Reinhold's book will be welcomed by liturgists as a timely compendium of the case for further reforms. For the laymen and unconvinced clergy the book will illustrate the spiritual grandeur which can be theirs from fuller understanding of the liturgy. *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:60-12954)

Cerfaux, Canon Lucien — Newman
THE FOUR GOSPELS: *An Historical Introduction* — $3.00

One of the world's foremost Biblical Scholars, Canon Lucien Cerfaux, looks at the Gospels in the same way as the people of the early Church in his excellent book, *The Four Gospels - An Historical Introduction* translated by Patrick Hepburne-Scott. Throughout the book he demonstrates that the Gospels are the foundation of the Church's faith, the living voice of Christ, and explains their meaning and value as well as their

historical significance. At this particular time when the "Kerygmatic" approach to the teaching of Catholicism on all levels, including the elementary schools, is getting more and more attention, Canon Cerfaux points up the value of presenting the "Good News" which the Apostles preached. He describes St. Matthew's Gospel as "The Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven". St. Mark's, he feels, is the "Gospel of Dogma", while St. Luke writes as an "Historian of Christianity". St. John, he says, wrote the "Spiritual Gospel" which is our guide to the deepest interpretation of the teaching of Christ. This book will provide important reading for students of Scripture, but will also be valuable to the average layman who desires a good documentary on the New Testament. (Publ. LC:60-14818)

Liesel, Rev. Nicholas — Newman
Makula, N. (Photographs) — $4.95
Attwater, Donald (Foreword)

EASTERN CATHOLIC LITURGIES

Increasing interest in the liturgy among the laity has been generated by formal encouragement of greater participation in the Mass, by Liturgical Week observances, and by study of the formal worship of the Church by seriously interested groups of Catholics. Father Nicholas Liesel, a graduate of the papal Oriental Institute in Rome, aware of the dearth of information available to Latin Rite Catholics about the Church's Eastern heritage, uses this book to supply them with the next best thing to the actual observance of the twelve Eastern rites. He has selected 114 close-up photographs to illustrate the history of each rite, the basic structure of the Eucharistic celebration, and other noteworthy points of interest. Donald Attwater, noted authority in the field of Church History, contributes a foreword praising the book as an "impressive testimony to the real catholicity of the Church". *Eastern Catholic Liturgies* is a beautifully produced, informative book which should help the thirty nine million Latin-Rite Catholics learn more about the way in which one million of their co-religionists in the Eastern Rite worship. (Publ. LC:60-14814)

Schmitt, Dr. Franz — Newman

MINIATURES OF THE LIFE OF OUR LADY — $1.75

DR This slim but handsome collection of reproductions is based on miniatures from the medieval manuscripts in the Baden State Library, Karlsruhe, West Germany. The eight tipped-in full color reproductions, printed in Germany, recapture the bright gold leaf, light green, radiant blues and brilliant reds of these "jewels of Christian art" which enriched the illuminated manuscripts. The pictures selected are concerned with events in the life of the Virgin Mary. Appropriate poems and identifications of each illustration enhance each reproduction. An excellent example of book making, *Miniatures Of The Life Of Our Lady* will also prove to be the source of an unusual and beautiful Marian meditation. (Publ. LC:60-14824)

Davis, Charles — Sheed & Ward

LITURGY AND DOCTRINE — $2.75

This short work on the relation of the liturgical movement to doctrinal concerns makes the point very clearly, simply and convincingly, that the liturgical movement is not "the increasing popularity of a private hobby or interesting sideline ..., but a change, a renewal in the pastoral work of the church..., the concern (being) not with incidentals, but with the fundamentals of doctrine." The reader will obtain a lively appreciation of the dimensions of doctrine illuminated and deepened by the emphases and changes fostered by the liturgical movement, particularly those concerned with the celebration of Easter, as they affect our understanding and application of the doctrine of the Resurrection within the total framework of Christian

thought and life. The reader, by reading this book, will undoubtedly be better prepared to participate in the liturgy and derive a new and better appreciation of doctrinal dimensions long lost sight of by many in the Church. *Imprimatur.* (2/22. LC:61-7293)

Gardiner, Harold C., S.J. and Getlein, Frank — Sheed and Ward
MOVIES, MORALS AND ART — $3.50

Catholics have been urged by papal and episcopal injunctions to make the motion pictures the object of positive study. This book will supply the more advanced among Catholics with a basic manual in aesthetics and morality as applied to films. Its approach -- though Catholic in tone -- does not limit its value for all others seriously interested in the impact of movies on our culture. *Movies, Morals and Art* is the third in a series of Sheed and Ward books covering this field. The first was *The Image Industries* by William F. Lynch, S.J., and it provoked wide comment in the profession and among serious students of the influence of mass media. The second was *Screen Arts* by Edward Fischer -- an introduction to the art of the film. The present book brings together Frank Getlein, art critic and contributing editor of the *New Republic*, and the Rev. Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., distinguished literary editor of *America*, national Catholic weekly review, and author of *Catholic Viewpoint on Censorship* and *Norms for the Novel.* Both approach their subjects from their respective points of view but happily complement and enrich each other's treatment. Mr. Getlein deals with films in the broad context of aesthetics while Father Gardiner, a priest-critic who rejects prudishness as a moral principle, demonstrates that there is a moral dimension to artistic judgment. Here is a book which should stimulate wide discussion for its realistic analysis of a controversial aspect of film-making. (3/22. LC:61-7289)

Gleason, R. W., S.J. — Sheed and Ward
TO LIVE IS CHRIST — $3.00

Father Gleason has drawn on his wide experience as a lecturer at institutes of religious superiors and as head of the Department of Theology at Fordham University to produce a fresh and provocative set of reflections on the core-meaning of religious life, and shows its intimate identification with the reality of the doctrines of the Incarnation and the Mystical Body of Christ. Entirely candid in approach, *To Live is Christ* is a refreshing departure from the great number of piously "pleasant" or "heavy" books written for the religious. Superiors would do well to use this book as an administrative examination of conscience to help them to adapt, modify and perfect practices which have become out of date for this age. Father Gleason's proposals may startle but do make sense. For example, he suggests that women's orders not only should do something about their habits - as urged by the Popes - but should also consider a further modification of more modernized garb for street wear. Whether discussing the process of growth, Christian maturity, the way of poverty, the value of virginity, the notion of obedience or confidence in prayer, Father Gleason's observations bring new insight and recommendations which are enlightening and challenging. Here is a critical and knowledgeable examination of nature and grace in the religious life which deserves to be read and reread often by every religious. *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:61-7287)

Van Zeller, Dom Hubert, O.S.B. Sheed and Ward
APPROACH TO CALVARY $2.95

DR * Every Lent one book on the subject of Christ's Passion stands out above all others. Last year Father Ralph Gorman's masterful *Last Hours of Jesus* was that book. This Lenten season *Approach to Calvary* by the renowned spiritual writer, Dom Hubert Van Zeller, O.S.B. should be that title. (This is the latest in a series of Father Van Zeller's "Approach" books which have included the well received *Approach to Penance* and *Approach to Prayer*). In a series of separate reflections on each Station of the Cross, Father Van Zeller deals with the subject of suffering in general as it relates to man today in terms of particular incidents from Christ's Passion. The book's format and arrangement make it suitable for personal devotion, and its meditations on Condemnation, Acceptance, Failure, Compassion, Cooperation, Generosity, Discouragement, Intention, Exhaustion, Detachment, Perseverance, Consummation and Aftermath point up the underlying theme of each Station. Father Van Zeller gives *Approach to Calvary* a timeless quality which will impel its owners to keep it close at hand throughout the year, and awake them to an awareness that "a more serious menace to the Church's life than even atheistic Communism is apathetic Catholicism". *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:61-7282)

NON-CATHOLIC BOOKS
Reported by Dr. Roscoe Thornton Foust & Others

Jones, E. Stanley Abingdon Press
IN CHRIST $2.50

DR * Many men and women for many years have come to look to E. Stanley Jones for a steady supply of devotional exposition of the Bible by which their own spiritual life is strengthened. He is uniquely able to penetrate quietly but deeply into the heart of a passage, and then deftly apply its message and meaning to the lives of his readers by clear illustration. This book, *In Christ*, maintains the high standard of his devotional writing. Noting that the phrase "in Christ" is found 172 times in the New Testament, he reminds us that every thought, every aspiration, every act, all one's possessions, all one's relationships, are either "In Christ" or "outside Christ". Being "in Christ" leads to eternal life--"outside Christ" to eternal death. For each day of the year he explores this truth, a page a day, which takes only about five minutes to read. Many Protestant Christians will be waiting for this book. (4/10. LC:61-8409)

Knox, John Abingdon Press
THE ETHIC OF JESUS IN THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH $2.00

There is current in Christendom a strong tendency for Christians to excuse themselves for not doing better since so much seems to be expected of them, saying God will surely accept the intent for the feeble deed. But Dr. John Knox, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature at Union Theological Seminary, will not let modern man off so easily. He writes "one is not less under obligation to do what one can because one cannot do all one ought". He therefore helps the reader to understand the ethical meaning of God's love for us in Christ, and the human possibilities of response. If the perfect way is not attainable, the best possible way may be sought and found. Dr. Knox writes clearly and forcefully,-and persuasively. Protestant ministers will find strong support and help here for their preaching and teaching. Seminary students are likely to find this book listed in their assigned reading. (3/13. LC:61-5195)

Marney, Carlyle Abingdon Press
STRUCTURES OF PREJUDICE $4.50

Behind this rather formidable title the reader will find an articulate and voluble assault upon a quartet of human weaknesses which the author was chosen to unmask with all the weapons in his verbal armory. These all too common failings are materialism (prejudgment of reality), provincialism (prejudgment of community), institutionalism (prejudgment of value), and individualism (prejudgment of personality). Christianity and the Church are also plagued and infected with these contemporary scourges of mankind, but Christians nontheless know a better way, and if they are true to their calling, they will gird themselves for a new adventure of faith, one which can provide a better grasp of reality than materialism, can afford us a deeper view of community than our provincialism allows, a higher scale of value than uncriticized and unreconstructed institutionalism admits, and a nobler concern for personality than individualism can permit. "We have light but lack courage. We have knowledge but lack the will." Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, and TV personality, intends this book to help restore them both. It is an acute criticism of the deepseated failings of modern man, powerfully written but not as persuasive as it ought to be. However, students of what ails us may find this analysis suggestive. (4/10. LC:61-8411)

Mead, Frank S. Abingdon Press
HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE U.S. $2.95

As complete a history and as fair and accurate a description of all religious bodies in the United States as can be found. First published ten years ago, the compiler, Mr. Frank S. Mead, has rechecked all factual information, secured directly from denominational headquarters or other authorities, and added such information as is now deemed important for a fair and complete picture of each church group. Some which first appeared have now been dropped, due to mergers, the ravages of time, or failure to secure replies to repeated requests for information. There will be future revisions which the continuing history of the churches in the United States seem to demand it. As an invaluable, trustworthy reference book, this volume should be found in the libraries of all clergy and churches, and of course the public libraries. (4/13)

Nyberg, Kathleen N. Abingdon Press
THE CARE AND FEEDING OF MINISTERS $2.50

"This book", says the author, "is addressed to young women who are anxious to, about to, or are married to men of the cloth." Her purpose is to suggest a way of relating to the task of the ministry, of understanding both the husband, and the life work to which he must be deeply dedicated. In readable prose the author carries the minister's wife or fiancee through chapters which state the problems of keeping a comfortable home on very little money, of raising children in the glare of public attention, with too little fatherly attention, offering excellent advice about becoming deeply involved with one's parishioners, about learning in detail private problems one's husband is counseling *(don't)*, about small things as gift giving, which can cause many heartaches, about large things such as routines before sermon-time, and grooming, with much emphasis on the care, and very little on the feeding, beyond a few sturdy notes about calorie-counting. This slim volume will prove a valuable aid to the young woman in the ministry by marriage, as it can help her set a framework for her own thinking about, and solutions to, the set of problems in which she is, or may find herself embroiled in her own parish. (4/10. LC:61-7629)

Ross, W. Gordon Abingdon Press
COMPANION OF ETERNITY $3.95

This is a contribution to the Doctrine of Man, with specific emphasis upon potential and worth. Because he has potential, questions of language, communication and method have to be dealt with, and because he has worth we must consider ideas of personality and God. Although the author claims not to have written for professionals and specialists, his largest readership will be among the Clergy, with a sprinkling of philosophers and other well trained laymen. They will be rewarded by seeing a man wrestle with some of the problems created by God when he combined spirit and flesh to form a companion for eternity. (4/10. LC:61-6394)

Sellers, James E. Abingdon Press
THE OUTSIDER AND THE WORD OF GOD $4.00

A great many people have no contact with the Church, and a great many that seem to be in it are not taking its ways seriously enough to make the slightest difference in how they live or think. These are the outsiders, in the mind of Mr. Sellers, and the Church has been doing a worse job with them than it has to. Partly, we haven't recognized that the Outsiders exist, partly we haven't understood that they don't speak our language, and partly we have let a watered-down Gospel pass for Christianity. This last drives the outsider either to scorn or complacency. All this and a lot more is in this fast-paced book which could be so useful if more than the Clergy will read it. It's the kind that every Parish should buy and pass around among all those who hold leadership. The layman may have a bit of hard going in Chapters 2 and 3, but it will be worth it, and all the more because, when these tracings through history and philosophy have been read, the relevance of the subsequent ideas is all the more obvious. This is more than a book on mass media. (4/10. LC:61-8414)

Stewart, Charles Wm. Abingdon Press
THE MINISTER AS MARRIAGE COUNSELOR $4.00

As more and more ministers come to realize that a special and trained competence is required in the field of marriage counseling, so there is need for more source-book material to help them, showing how sound results may be built on psychological and sociological principles. Such is this book by Chas. Wm. Stewart, professor of Psychology of Religion and Counseling, Iliff School of Theology. He presents his material as setting forth a "role-relationship" theory, in which the minister does not do personal counseling with the couple who come to him with a marriage problem, but rather helps them to understand their marriage relationship. He helps them to change their role pictures and adjust to them so that there will be more harmony and less friction in the marriage. In the process there must be room for growth on the party of both the counselees and the minister. There is much here of great value to the minister who will take this phase of his pastoral ministry seriously, and acquire the training which will help him gain the insights and knowledge about people which cannot be learned in a seminary curriculum. The book lists accredited training centers, has an excellent bibliography, and a good index. It demands a place in the counseling section of every Protestant minister's library. (2/13. LC:61-5559)

Tufts, Nancy Poore Abingdon Press
THE ART OF HANDBELL RINGING $3.00

In addition to the value of this small text as a handbook for leaders of handbell bands and choirs, there is given to the uninitiated a brief history of the "ancient and honorable art of English handbell ringing" and its still earlier origins in the hands of primitive man. Probably the first crude bells possessed the deep religious significance they now hold in all religions, for the bell has ever rung out the glad tidings even as it tolled the knell of death. Whether these bells be rung as a hobby for young people, as an expression of cultural perfection by professionals or as therapy of the best sort for the blind and the mentally disturbed, the ringing of the bells proves a delight and joy to all. It is interesting to note that in England handbells were devised in the Sixteenth Century for practise use in pealing or change ringing, it being more comfortable to sit around a table in a warm room practising with bells having wooden or leather handgrips rather than to stand for hours in a cold tower pulling the ropes. The larger part of the book is devoted to technical matters: selection of applicants for choirs, detailed assignments for large group ringing, diagrams, handbell music-its scoring, etc. A very timely volume for a growing art form. (3/13)

Culver, Elsie Thomas — Association Press

NEW CHURCH PROGRAMS WITH THE AGING — $3.50

Because people are living longer these days, all the available resources of the community must make available to them the means and the opportunity to live and enjoy these "dividend years" to the fullest. Housing, economic independence, useful work, fellowship and fun, medical care and other therapy, - all these must be made available to older people that they may continue to make their contribution to the life of the community. Elsie Thomas Culver gives close attention to all these matters, showing where the Church may make its own contribution. But especially is it important for the ministers and members of the congregation to accept the older members and the older people of the community as whole persons, with their own significant contribution to make to the ongoing pattern of life, and the fact that there are no second-class citizens in God's kingdom. There is much material here of great value, - not to be passed over by those who are studying one of our most pressing problems - growing older in a new world. It's a far cry, says the author, from Whistler's mother to Grandma Moses. There is an excellent bibliography on aging, both general and specifically in the religious field. (3/? LC:61-7467)

Duvall, Evelyn Millis & Sylvanus M. — Association Press

SEX WAYS IN FACT AND FAITH — $3.95

Bases for Christian Family Policy

Forthright without being clinical, and religious without being "preachy", these well known writers and practitioners in the field of sex and family relations have now produced a source-book which Christian leaders everywhere will be eager to use as a guide for study and discussion. The first part summarizes the biblical and historical bases of Christian views on sex and marriage, beginning with the New Testament, on through the patristic period, to Luther and Calvin and down to the position of the Anglican Church today. Then follows a summary of the denominational pronouncements in this century on questions of sex, marriage and family life. After this there are eleven more chapters on specific questions of marriage, teen-age involvements, sex behavior, and control of family size in terms of individual well-being and social welfare. Each subject is dealt with by one of America's leading scientists, each an authority in his or her area of study. Here is a fruitful meeting of the medical, psychological and social sciences together indicating the way which leads to the most satisfying Christian family life. Discussion subjects and good bibliographies are added to make this a book of maximum usefulness for leaders and counselors of youth. It is among the best available, and all Church libraries should have several copies. (4/? LC:61-7109)

Fairchild, Ray W. & Wynn, J.C. — Association Press

FAMILIES IN THE CHURCH: *A Protestant Survey* — $5.75

Here is as valuable a piece of research as has been made available to the public in a long time. In response to a request from the Presbyterian Church that a study be made of the validity and pertinence of the church ministry to today's family, Dr. Roy W. Fairchild of San Francisco Theological Seminary, and Dr. J. C. Wynn of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, undertook jointly this exploration in depth of the changing Protestant family and its current challenge to the church which in so many ways seems not to be aware of the change. A Biblical perspective is provided, as well as an historical resume of Protestant perspectives on family issues from the time of the Reformation. But the major concern of the writers is to provide a thoroughgoing, descriptive analysis of today's family, its needs and potential, as well as its problems, and also a report on the often futile attempts of the church to redeem family conflict with vague moralisms. Within the family, say the authors, members must be gospel bearers to one another, and then to the outside world. This implies sufficient training and preparation, a task which the church at the moment does feebly, if at all. The book is a well documented, powerful challenge to all Protestant ministers and churches to a more effective ministry to and through families when the facts such as this book offer are made known, verified, accepted and acted upon for the greater glory of God. (4/? LC:61-7109)

Winter, Gibson Doubleday
THE SUBURBAN CAPTIVITY OF THE CHURCHES $3.50

A penetrating and thorough-going study of the plight of the inner city church as the Protestant Church follows-or precedes- its members to the suburbs and exurbs, leaving behind those who cannot alone afford to maintain the church or attract and provide for an adequate ministry. Dr. Gibson Winter, of the faculty of the University of Chicago, does much more than view the situation with alarm. He studies the role of the churches in the metropolis, and the part which they could play in its planning and growth. He describes the possibility and function of a joint ministry shared by several Protestant Churches, and ministering to the needs of a sector of the city, thus helping to integrate it, instead of stepping up its fragmentation by persisting in fragmentary ministries to separate groups. Much of this material is projected from successful experiments in such an approach to the inner city's religious problems, and leads to the endorsement of ordination to extended and augmented ministries in the direction of current proposals for Church unity. Such a complete and sobering study as this must be read by all who plan for, or work in, the Protestant ministry to those who cannot or will not leave the city. (3/17. LC:61-7667)

Enslin, Morton Scott McGraw Hill
THE PROPHET FROM NAZARETH $4.75

Every attempt to write a "life" of Jesus, says Dr. Morton Scott Enslin, has been a failure. The materials are not available. The four Gospels are neither biography nor history; their authors, none of them eye-witnesses of the events they record, used collections of material which was largely used for missionary preaching as zealous followers of the crucified prophet sought to continue his work of proclaiming the momentary coming of the expected Kingdom. But while a biography cannot be written, Jesus can be known as we see him engaged in a life and death struggle in the midst of real men, enemies and friends alike, and demanding from his followers the same commitment and devotion to their tasks which he brought to his. "The one whom we call Lord .... by his unflinching bravery and devotion, by his fidelity to his task, transformed his followers not by miracles which he wrought, not by miracles which were later wrought upon him, but by the life which he lived, he transformed them into men like himself, who recognized him for what he was and thus saw God in him." Dr. Enslin avoids any reliance on the supernatural in this essay on the prophet of Nazareth, who for him stands as a challenge to do in our day the equivalent of what he did in his. It is bravely written, and with much human warmth, but lacks the dimension in which man can find meaning and purpose in his life *because* God has sought him out in his failure in the person of Jesus Christ who asks men not to be imitations of Him but to be one with Him. The student who considers himself a "liberal" theologically will find his position well presented here; others will find scant nournishment. (Publ. LC:60-53348)

Poling, Daniel McGraw-Hill
JESUS SAYS TO YOU: $2.95
His Eternal Wisdom and its Meaning Today

DR Forty brief readings, each based on some word or saying of Jesus. Dr. Daniel Poling gives the setting in which each word was spoken, and then adds an illustration or two, often from his own long experience, to show how the words of Jesus are still living words, speaking to every man in his own generation, and directly related to his own condition. Some of the titles are "Win over Worry", "Why I believe in eternal life", "Pray to forgive", "The Forbidden path", "The Midnight Visitor", etc. Here may be found much to think about, written in a vivid style expected of Dr. Poling. It would be excellent for daily reading for Lent, or other seasons, and was doubtlessly intended for just that. (Publ. LC:60-53354)

Simcox, Carroll E. Morehouse-Barlow
AN APPROACH TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH $3.00 (paper)

No better brief for the nature and claim of the Episcopal Church has been written. Dr. Carroll E. Simcox, the rector of St. Mary's Church, Tampa, Florida, has written with clarity of spirit, the urgency of one who wants to share what he has tasted and found satisfying, and with cogent phrase and apt illustration that makes many words an intrusion. A champion of the faith as the Anglican Church has received the same, he offers this book to the seeker whose question he answers with grace and wit, as well as to the church member of long standing who wants better reasons for his faith than those he learned in confirmation class so many years ago, when the world seemed to be larger and simpler. Rectors of Episcopal Churches should delight to have this book available to give to inquirers, and discussion questions for each chapter make it an admirable text for an adult discussion group or Bible Class. (Publ. LC:61-5469)

Cambridge University Press Oxford University Press
THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE *(The New Testament)* $4.95

* Here is an English translation of the Bible that is really new, and very exciting. It is not just another revision,--nor a modern rendering to make it more available to those who are somehow put off with style and beauty. This is a translation into modern idiom, to be sure, but those who have produced it have paid full heed to the highest biblical scholarship and at the same time have released much of the power and strength as well as the simplicity of the original. To own and use it is a "must" for all Protestant clergy, and as many of their friends and parishioners as they can persuade to possess it. A Joint Committee representing all the major Protestant Christian groups in England, Ireland and Wales, appointed a group of the foremost Biblical scholars in Great Britain to carry out this great project. It all began in 1946, and the happy result is to be made available on March 14,--and not before. The demand will be great, as will the satisfaction from its reading and use. (3/14)

Latham, Lenn L. Prentice-Hall
LET GOD IN $3.50

This is another volume in the "How To Handle Your Life" field, and is written by a Presbyterian minister with evangelical fervor and a real understanding that you can't count on Church members as being Christians. The book is replete with anecdotes and illustrations, from every day life and should prove a gold mine to the sermon writer. However, its basic appeal is to laymen, and this makes all the better his handling of the problems of suffering, death and atonement. A good book for laymen to give at Easter. (3/6. LC:61-7765)

Chaplin, Dora P. Scribner
CHILDREN AND RELIGION $3.95

* Dr. Chaplin's years as Professor of Christian Education at New York's General Theological Seminary attest to the competence with which she wrote this book. But it glows also with a warmth and simplicity which could come only from having children of her own, and from having labored for many more in Parish Churches, and from writing with these same children in mind some of the materials published by the Episcopal Church. She has written this volume specifically for parents, but very useful also for clergymen of all denominations, not merely for their own use, but in their teacher and parent training efforts. This is a very practical book with a sound summary of the theological, psychological and contemporary background from which the approach to children is made, and this orientation makes her useful discussion of how to communicate religion to children all the more lucid. Best of all, Dr. Chaplin is interesting. This revised edition should have great impact on a wide audience. (3/?)

Colledge, Eric Scribner
THE MEDIEVAL MYSTICS OF ENGLAND $4.95

The art and the practice of meditation and contemplation upon God's mysteries and that supreme mystery of the nature of God himself, leading often to a vision of God, has not widely appealed to the modern generation of Christians. Indeed, as they read the language of ecstasy and adoration which the mystics of old have used to express their love and longing for God and His love for them, they are often embarrassed, even if they understand. A felling of such intimacy so openly expressed may almost seem indecent if not unknown to those who have been taught that religion at its deepest level is a private and secret affair. Could they be brought to read such an anthology as Mr. Eric Colledge gives us from the medieval mystics of England, prefaced by a long and scholarly chapter which relates one mystic to another at the deepest spiritual level, they might perhaps conclude that what passes for useful and respectable religion and devotion today is a pale thing at best. These readings which take us from St. Aelred's *Mirror of Love* to excerpts from *The Book of Margery Kempe* have an ecstatic warmth which might bring the reader to be aware that he is missing much in his spiritual life. As it is, such a book as this will appeal greatly to the few mystics who survive in the world of too solid sense, and to scholars of the history of the spiritual development of those who thought that even the medieval world, with its painting, sculpture, architecture, music, ballads, romances and plays was a world to be rejected and well lost in favor of a closer communion with God. (4/?)

Miller, Randolph Crump Scribner
CHRISTIAN NURTURE AND THE CHURCH $3.50

Dr. Miller has given us the distillation of a long life full of rich experience with Christian Education. It is far from his first book. Rather, it might be considered a summary of the best things he has learned, created, borrowed and tried. But if you're looking for a book on the techniques of education, this ~~is~~ not it. Rather, it is addressed to the whole Congregation and its total responsibility for the full development of each member. Dr. Miller retains his easy style, with the result that the volume could readily be placed in the hands of laymen, and would also be useful in teacher-training. The Clergy will want to own it as a matter of course. (~~4/10~~ 6/5. LC:61-7226)

Kean, Charles Duell Seabury Press
CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PASTORAL CARE $3.75

* Of the many books being written on this subject, *Christian Faith and Pastoral Care* by the Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D.C. is likely to prove to be one of the most highly appreciated and widely used. Dr. Kean has full knowledge of the modern skills in pastoral care and counseling, and he proceeds to relate them most helpfully to the many phases of the Christian minister's profession so that he may do the most effective job for the welfare of those in his care, and to work in the closest fellowship with professionals from other disciplines. The pastor is the representative of the Church understood as The Holy People of God, and it is to increase the awareness of the members of this fellowship of their true status, as well as to seek out others for whom God also cares that the true pastor exercises his ministry. He points out the many opportunities for pastoral care that present themselves regularly "in line of duty," in calling both on the well and on the sick, on those who "belong and those who don't, in the counselling situation in hospitals and institutions, at the time of death, before and after marriage and in cases of social assistance. It isn't so much that Dr. Kean has contributed much that is new, as he admits, but he does bring it into focus by reminding us of the purpose and objective through it all, it the constant reminder of God's never failing love to all of God's children. A minister does not have to be an Episcopalian to be helped by this book. It fits every phase and branch of the Protestant ministry. (4/? LC: 61-5573)

Farrer, Austin World

A FAITH OF OUR OWN $3.75

* You will read half way through the sixth of these completely charming homilectical essays before you come to an explanation of the title,- which is that while we must each come to a faith of our own, we can never do it by ourselves but always within the body of believers. Sometimes you will wonder whether there is any continuity in the thirty sections, but when the book is finished it will clearly be all of one piece. This is a completely fascinating book which stimulates the mind and the heart. People will buy it to give each other, and any preacher that reads it will experience an immediate flowering of preaching power. The Preface by C. S. Lewis fits the work remarkably well. The religious professionals may well buy this, but for their sake the layman in large numbers should take it home. There just are not many books like this at all. (Publ. LC:61-5802)

A Note On Lenten Reading

Ash Wednesday coincides with the mailing of this issue- February 15th. Easter comes on April 2nd. Between these dates all Catholic and many Protestant Churches have special devotions- worship services- study groups. This is the time of year when interest should be focussed on those religious books that will meet the needs of these various approaches. Check your stock- check the earlier, pre-Lenten book supplements- prepare, for the period of Lenten, special displays. Call to the attention of local priests and clergymen the availability of these books and suggest that either they prepare lists for their own distribution or that they call the attention of their parishioners to the fact that books are readily available for examination and for Lenten reading and study.

As Easter approaches, the thought of giving books for Easter provides another sort of selection and display. Reading of religious books is no longer a one reason preoccupation, as all who handle religious books well know. It just makes an additional and special seasonal approach which should not be overlooked.

A Last Minute Arrival

Bruce, F. F. Oxford

THE ENGLISH BIBLE $3.75

With the publication on March 14 of *The New Testament* section of the much heralded *New English Bible* (reviewed on p.210), this history of the English Bible from its earliest days is particularly pertinent. Prof. Bruce, of the University of Manchester, turns back to the earliest days, when the Gospel story was told to the English people, and when wall paintings and relief carvings were used to convey Bible stories. Caedmon composed his poems in Old English; Bede wrote his ecclesiastical history and translated parts of the New Testament; Alcuin established the minster-school in York during the revival of learning under Charles. The 10th century had seen efforts in Old English in the enlightened court of Alfred the Great; Ormulum translated the gospels and Acts into Early Middle English. But it was Wycliffe's inspiration in the 14th century that brought much of this to fruition with the "Wycliffite version"- which followed a checkered career of acceptance and rejection. The invention of printing, the influence of Erasmus, of Tyndale (with the first printed Bible in English), of the forces of the Reformation, led eventually to Coverdale's first complete Bible printed in English, to the Matthew Bible and The Great Bible.. The Book of Common Prayer, under Edward VI was as much Cramer's legacy as the English Bible is Tyndale's. And by successive steps the version known as The King James Version was achieved. Final chapters trace variations, successive revisions both Catholic and Anglican, and the 20th century versions on to the newest. It is an immensely interesting study, not only for Bible students but for the layman.